Trade and Consumer Protection Department of Agriculture,

Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board elections open May 2

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MADISON – Dairy farmers in eight Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board districts have until May 25, 2016 to vote for candidates for eight open seats in the upcoming election. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will accept ballots between May 2 and May 25.

The districts and nominees are:

- District 3, representing Lincoln, Oneida, Price, and Taylor Counties. The nominee is Mark Leder, Gleason.
- District 6, representing Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties. The nominee is Vivian Thompson, Cadott.
- District 9, representing Shawano and Waupaca Counties. The nominees are Donald Robaidek, Pulaski and Jeff Strassburg, Wittenberg.
- District 12, representing Portage, Waushara, and Wood Counties. The nominee is Ken Heiman, Marshfield.
- District 15, representing Adams, Juneau, and Monroe Counties. The nominee is Mary Cook, Wilton.
- District 18, representing Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Washington, and Waukesha Counties. The nominee is Dean Strauss, Sheboygan Falls.
- District 21, representing Crawford and Vernon Counties. The nominee is Kevin Wallaser, Desoto.
- District 24, representing Dane and Jefferson Counties. The nominee is Tina Hinchley, Cambridge.

DATCP will mail ballots to eligible dairy producers. If you have not received a ballot by May 10th and are an eligible producer, please contact the Market Orders Program Coordinator at 608-224-5116 to request a ballot. Completed ballots must be signed and sent to WI DATCP, Marketing Order Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911. The ballots must be postmarked on or before May 25. Unsigned ballots will not be counted.

Elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1.

DATCP administers elections for Wisconsin commodity marketing boards. To learn more about the market order boards, visit http://datcp.wi.gov/About/Boards and Councils/Marketing Boards.

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